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The Honorable Charles Terreni Chief Clerk Public Service Commission of South Carolina Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Petition by BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. to Operate Under the d/b/a of AT&T

Long Distance Service

Docket No.:

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing are an original and one (1) copy of the Petition by BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. to Operate Under the d/b/a of AT&T Long Distance Service.

By copy of this letter, I am serving the Office of Regulatory Staff with a copy of this petition as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

Patrick W. Turner

Attorney Representing BellSouth Long Distance, Inc.

PWT/nml Enclosure

cc: Office of Regulatory Staff

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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO.

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Petition by BellSouth	)	
Long Distance, Inc. to Operate	)	
Under the d/b/a of	)	
AT&T Long Distance Service	)	

For the reasons set forth below, BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. ("BSLD") respectfully requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission) approve BSLD's operating, on a going forward basis in South Carolina, under the d/b/a name of "AT&T Long Distance Service."

The merger between AT&T Inc. and BellSouth Corporation closed on December 29, 2006, at which time BellSouth Corporation (the parent company of BSLD) became a wholly-owned, first-tier subsidiary of AT&T Inc. As a result of this merger at the holding company level, BSLD intends to adopt the AT&T brand name for its products and services. The transition from the use of the BellSouth brand name to the AT&T brand name is expected to begin as quickly as possible and progress over the next few months.

To that end, therefore, BSLD respectfully requests that the Commission approve BSLD's operating, on a going forward basis in South Carolina, under the d/b/a name of "AT&T Long Distance Service." If the Commission approves this request, BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. will remain the formal corporate name of the entity that is authorized to provide regulated interexchange service in South Carolina. BSLD, however, will do business in South Carolina under the d/b/a name of "AT&T Long Distance Service."

The address and the contact information for BSLD that is on file with the Commission is unaffected by this Petition. Upon Commission approval of this Petition, BSLD will make an appropriate tariff filing reflecting the name under which BSLD will be doing business in South Carolina.

Finally, as noted above, the transition from the use of the BellSouth brand name to the AT&T brand name is expected to begin as quickly as possible. BSLD, therefore, respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Petition as soon as it can. Toward that end, BSLD respectfully requests that the Commission issue the Notice of Filing attached hereto as Exhibit A as quickly as possible.

Respectfully submitted on this the 2nd day of January, 2007.

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## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

DOCKET NO. 2007-\_\_-C

## NOTICE OF FILING

BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. ("BSLD") has filed a Petition with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina to approve BSLD's operating, on a going forward basis in South Carolina, under the d/b/a name of "AT&T Long Distance Service.

A copy of the Petition is on file in the offices of the Commission, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, the Commission's web site at <a href="www.psc.sc.gov">www.psc.sc.gov</a>, and is available from Patrick W. Turner, Esquire, 1600 Williams Street, Suite 5200, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the office of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Petition. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before February 5, 2007, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. Please refer to Docket No. 2007- -C.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and Patrick W. Turner, Esquire, at the above address, on or before **February 5, 2007**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No. 2007-* -C.

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below on or before February 5, 2007. Please refer to Docket No. 2007-\_\_\_-C.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding MUST present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina Attn: Docketing Department Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	)	
	)	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
COUNTY OF RICHLAND	)	

The undersigned, Nyla M. Laney, hereby certifies that she is employed by the Legal Department for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and that she has caused the Petition by BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. to Operate Under the d/b/a of AT&T Long Distance Service to be served upon the following this January 2, 2007:

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